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& with out a Law will be like a Rope of Sand. It is a malancholy consideration for such as have their All in this Town, & I can discover, that they will not submit much longer to it with Patience but will apply for a Remedy; which I think it is as much for your Interest, as theirs, to join in.

Altho I have gained a Victory, I shall be obliged to quit the Field of Battle with precipitation, if no publick Censure from the Ministry or Incapacity from the Parliament obliges our present Governors to a Submission; and that, or falling in with them, must be the case of all your Friends. There are, I confess several of the People called Quakers very much in your Interest, but these are the People who most wish for such an Incapacity, or at least as much as any others.

As I have talked to your Brother very fully on my own Affairs, to avoid giving you any unnecessary trouble, I refer you to him. I have hitherto had some reason to complain of being obliged to support my Publick Character at my own Expence & I am so sick of the Hypocrisy, Calumny & sordid Disposition of these People, that no Reward should tempt me to stay amongst them; but what that would not tempt me to do, my regard for you & my long personal Friendship with your Brother will, & I will endeavour to content my self to bear any thing rather than baulk his Inclinations to see his Friends in England; which his Heart seems to be much sett upon.

I thank you for your Present, & as I am no Miser, have allowed many to partake with me in the pleasure. I defie you to send me such another if you can. I owne it is easily understood, but I have taken great pains to persuade Will: Allen to write Notes upon it, for the benefit of such Ladies as are curious & do not understand the Latin Names of Places, as well as of some Gentleman. I read a Section of it to a certain Lady by a way of Experiment, & I do assure you, she listned with great Attention, & when I told her, it was arrant Bawdy, she was amazed, & pretended to snatch it out of my hand, to throw it into the Fire. May your Voyage to Marryland be prosperous, & your trade there be more profitable as well as more pleasant than that for Pins & Needles.

I am

Dr. Sir

yr faithful & affect. humb^{le} Serv^t.

Geo: Thomas.

Book Notices.

THE MCCARTHY'S IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY. By Michael J. O'Brien. New York, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1921. 8vo, pp. 323.

There is no reason why the Irish-blooded Americans, like Americans of other races, should not be given a place in the history of this country. They are, however, themselves to blame if their people have been relegated to a place of no importance in American history, for among the deficiencies of information connected with their early settlers, nothing is more noticeable than the absence of biographies of individual Irishmen or their descendants, or genealogies of American families of Irish blood. It is unfortunate that the Irish in America have not shown greater industry in this respect.

Mr. O'Brien, who is the historiographer of the American Irish Historical Society, has investigated the early history of the Irish in America more thoroughly than any other historian. In the course of his researches he has accumulated a mass of information relating to the famous Irish family of McCarthy, represented in this country since as far back as 1635. He has made use of this material in an exceedingly valuable book about the McCartlys in Colonial and Revolutionary times. The book is not strictly a genealogy, only a history of a famous family, but no attempt has been made to extend it beyond the eighteenth century. An illuminated coat of arms of the McCartlys is an attractive illustration in the book.